

# Bob & Barbara (Lind) Sinclair

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## Life's still sweet – sixty years on

Barbara Lind arrived on the range with her parents during the depression after her father lost his city job. They bought a run down goanna farm up the Highlands Road from Eudlo populated it with a few cows and Barbara made the reluctant transition from well brought up young city lady seeking secretarial position to farmhand. She was just 16.

Fourteen year old Bob Sinclair was the boy next door.

Bob lived on the Dodrop down the Dip Track off the Balmoral Road. His family on the other hand was old Maleny stock having taken up land when the area opened up. They were originally timber cutters and his father Bill drove a team of bullocks. Bob loves to tell the story of how "the old bloke" moved the Landsborough Pub across the railway track on rollers pulled by the team. His grandmother ran the top farm at the end of what is now Sinclair's Road.

As the story usually goes boy met girl. At their first meeting Barbara and her mother were somewhat puzzled by the fact that Bob walked around backwards and it wasn't until he had gone that her father said "the kid didn't have any seat in his pants". So Bob became "adopted". A sweater was knitted to replace the corn

sack he threw over his shoulders to keep out the Maleny westerlies and he reciprocated with floral tributes from his garden ... a cabbage a lettuce, some tomatoes.

Bob taught Barbara how to milk cows and how to get back on her pony after it bolted and threw her off.

The years passed by. One night as they rode down the Dip Track after the pictures in Maleny the moonlight had a strange effect. Bob and Barbara became engaged. It was wartime. It took Barbara four years to save enough coupons for some saucepans, a dress and most importantly the nails her father used to build the small house into which they moved after their honeymoon at Nancy Burgums Guest House in Bullcock Street Caloundra sixty years ago.

Nowadays Bob and Barbara have a larger house in Cedar Street where they have lived for 40 years. They are celebrating their anniversary with their daughter Janet and son Ian. Soon they will move from the range where they grew up and grew together. Bob and Barbara Sinclair will have a go at city life when they move to Sydney with their daughter into Sinclairs of Burwood Bed and Breakfast - just around the corner from where Barbara was born 88 years ago.



**Barbara and Bob Sinclair.  
Life and love on the range.**